



**WINUN
NGARI**
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



WINUN NGARI NEWSLETTER

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Say hello to

ALEX FERNANDEZ – CHAIRPERSON WINUN NGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Alex Fernandez is the Chairperson for Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC) and has been in this role for two years after previously being a Director for five years. Alex excels in management and innovation and is proud to be a board member of WNAC. He believes there is currently an excellent board of directors and is proud of where WNAC are at. Originally from Ngallagunda, Alex played an integral part in setting up the Ngallagunda community and the health centre. After a limb amputation, Alex moved to Derby in 2015 as it was hard to come in and out of town.

Alex is passionate about getting people into jobs and for the kids to have a good life. His added involvement in Derby Aboriginal Health

Service (DAHS) and Kimberly Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS) reflects his commitments.



His passions also centre around improving life for Indigenous people with disabilities and he is committed to bettering disability services within the community. As a horseman renowned for his skills, Alex smiles as he recollects horseriding again after 14 years. Alex states that through NDIS, his support coordinator made that happen. Alex had identified his main goal was to ride a horse again and NDIS made that happen.

Alex looks forward to continuing his role as Chairperson for Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation.





CDP WOMEN'S ART HUB

After what feels like an eternity, the CDP ladies are back in action at the Women's Hub. There have been quite a few changes that have happened down at the Clarendon St studios during their absence, namely the formation of an exciting new screen-printing studio called Barooloo Arts. This combined with WNAC Arts, Budulah and PCP, will create a platform for these budding artists to showcase their creative talents in the studio and out in the field. This in turn will create business opportunities with the potential to earn an income from the art that they make.

We are still in the process of bringing the screen-printing studio to life, but this hasn't stopped the

ladies from creating inspiring new designs that will soon become prints on our upcoming range of fabrics, bags, tablecloths and shirts - just to name a few.

We are excited about what the future holds for the Women's Hub and the opportunities it will create for local artists.

Also, a big shout-out to the board of directors and WNAC management for helping to secure the equipment and materials needed to make this possible.

Watch this space!

LIFE IN VICTORIA DURING COVID FROM OUR CDP COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

TAITE ZITO

Wallace and Taite work remote for Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation as compliance officers and here's what it's been like for them through COVID:

I moved closer to the city of Melbourne to be nearer to friends and live music. The week I moved was the week I was no longer allowed to leave the house.

I have not suffered greatly during this 9-month isolation. Spending 90% of my day in one room, I

have done my best to stay sane and keep fit. I've listened to a lot of podcasts, learned to knit, quit smoking, began a 3000-piece puzzle, lost interest in knitting, put the puzzle pieces in a drawer and started smoking again.

There have been many events that I have missed in the lives of my friends and family, from newborns to the passing of loved ones. I will relish the opportunity, once allowed, to see and hug the people that make life special. (Taite Zito)

WALLACE PIKIA



When I first heard about COVID-19 like everyone else in Victoria we didn't take it seriously until it was broadcast on social media and the magnitude became so real.

The State Premier implemented restrictions at first then the whole of Victoria was in lockdown as of August. People were panicking, businesses were affected lives were lost.

The toughest part for myself is that we'd lost family members in New Zealand and we couldn't be there to support them. Luckily for me I had excellent support from my family and Winun Ngari.

I kept myself occupied by ringing the Winun office and having a good ole yarn with my workmates just to see if they needed anything done.

I am so grateful for life. (Wallace Pikia)



CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY AT DERBY POST OFFICE THIS YEAR



The Christmas spirit is in full force at Derby Post Office this year. We have been excitedly decorating the store in preparation for our busiest time of year, where we prepare for the large influx of parcels coming to you this Christmas.

Making it easier for you, DPO are excited to announce that we have just received a new range of Christmas items in store! From lights to Christmas ornaments there is something for everyone.

This month, Derby LPO donated their recycling at Containers for Change to Derby Wildlife. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful work the guys at Containers for Change are doing as well as acknowledge Derby Wildlife for their work with caring for our sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

On a sad note, we would like to announce that our Manager Amy is leaving us to head onto bigger and better things. We would like to thank her for her dedication and support. It has been a pleasure and we wish you luck for the future.

Joke of the day

WHY DON'T WOMEN WORK AT THE POST OFFICE?

IT'S A MAIL DOMINATED INDUSTRY.

GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM OUR DPO MANAGER AMY

For those of you who have been asking "have you not left yet?", my time at the Derby LPO has finally come to an end.

I first started working at the Post Office part time, where I very quickly befriended Bailey (not sure he wanted the friendship as much as I did), and he became my first real Derby friend. From coming out of 18 months of retirement after being a stay-at-home mum, I didn't lick one single stamp or post a single parcel. When I think about my interview, my heart still races and I still feel scared as hell of Susan Murphy, however, for some reason she believed in me more than I did. So, when on my first day I broke a date stamp and couldn't work out how to use the stapler, I am pretty sure Bailey wondered who on earth Susan had hired.

I soon worked my way around the post office, managed to trip over a parcel a day, became best friends with the Australia Post helpline people, and managed to make Bailey as big a coffee and cake addict as I am. I then got to know the wonderful customers, which in a customer service job can be the very thing that makes you want to come to work every day.

Just when I had started to settle in, the current manger was off on a new venture, and I applied for the Manager's position. I think it only took a week to feel like I had made a HUGE mistake. I don't think I slept for the first week and cried for the first two weeks. Bailey left to go to Canada. I think I begged Kerry Anne to come back so I could leave about five times, but then in the midst of all the chaos and uncertainty, I eventually found my feet, which had a lot to do with the amazing team I work with, the support from the corporate office team, Susan and the board.

The team that I have had the pleasure of working with have been more a family to Vicki and I then work colleagues. They come to work with a positive attitude, work their absolute butts off and do everything I ask of them. They want to learn as much as they can, and they do every quirky thing I ask of them so I can get a photo for our photo wall. Each staff member has personally grown, whether that is moving onto new opportunities, or moving into different rolls within the post office. I will be forever grateful for every day I have spent with the team; the hard work and dedication they have put into the post office and the love and support they have given my family and I when we went through some of the hardest things we have had to endure will never be forgotten.

Working for Winun Ngari was actually what drew me into accepting the part time position job. I was so interested in what the corporation was about, and what I felt they were bringing

to Derby. When I stepped up into the management position, the support and guidance I received from Susan and the board was beyond amazing. Every idea I had they supported (unless it was one of my very farfetched ideas), every bad day I had they checked in on me and they accepted Vicki to be part of the package of me working for them.

When I first got to Derby, people said to me you will either love Derby or hate it. It isn't the town that I love - it is the people. When you have wonderful people, you have a good community. To every person that I have had the pleasure of meeting, serving and begging for a favour THANK YOU for the wonderful years I have spent in Derby.

To Susan, the board and the corporate office staff, thank you for your ongoing support, in making the post office the wonderful business it is.

Thank you to the Men Shed for all the manpower you gave us!! You guys rock!!!

To Margaret, Jospeh, Dale, Tarrena, Jane and all the past crew that have ever worked with me, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all the laughs, hard work, terrible dad jokes, coffee breaks, sweat, blood and tears. You guys are all amazing and have achieved so much in the time I have known you.

Peace out all.

Love,

Amy and Vicki

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DERBY POST
Christmas + New Year
TRADING HOURS

24TH DEC

CLOSING 4PM

25TH DEC

CLOSED

26TH DEC

CLOSED

27TH DEC

CLOSED

28TH DEC

CLOSED

31ST DEC

CLOSING 4PM

1ST JAN

CLOSED



**WE APPRECIATE ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS + HOPE EVERYONE
STAYS HEALTHY + HAPPY**

*The DerbyLPO can't control the delivery of mail getting to Derby, we only control the mail when it gets to the post office. Please make sure to allow plenty of time to get your Christmas presents to Derby, as there tends to be a delay around Christmas.

Say hello to

LEANNA DONATION – VICE CHAIRPERSON WINUN NGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Leanna Donation is Vice Chairperson for Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC). Leanna is a previous CDP Supervisor and has extensive skills in retail and management. Leanna is passionate about providing for people in communities and providing the skills and training for the younger generation to secure a career for themselves.

'I believe in being there for the younger generation and I would like to see all children grow up and be independent'

Leanna states how proud she is of WNAC moving forward, getting kids into jobs and

helping the younger generation succeed.

Leanna is passionate about language and believes currently there's a big step forward in teaching language to children.

'It's a big step forward for the children so their language can continue, it's history, they need to learn their culture and where they come from.'

Leanna wants to see all communities grow and be successful and is proud of WNAC's contribution to the communities in its footprint.





DERBY TENNIS CLUB

Junior Tennis Coaching! Term 4 - Wednesdays!

4 Weeks of Junior Tennis
Starting 18 November – Wednesday 9
December with 2 age groups at the
undercover basketball courts Derby.

For more information phone or text:
Sally Courtney 0429 963 756



DERBY
Tennis CLUB





NAIDOC 2020 - COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

NAIDOC Week celebrations were held at Derby's Community NAIDOC day - an inter-agency supported event hosted at the hospital.

NAIDOC Week acknowledges and celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To celebrate this event, Winun Ngari held two event displays with loads of giveaways, information and art activities.

We would like to thank all the children who helped create our collaborative art pieces and those who attended the event.



ARCHIVING AT CORPORATE

A big thank you to Jen for all her hard work at Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation.

'Hi, I'm Jenny Gray and I have been in the job going on three weeks now. I was given the task to sort out the archiving of all the old documents

some dating back to the 1980's up to the present time. The process is quite slow and all the boxes had to be moved to their new place then sorted thoroughly into the appropriate year category then stored for easy convenient access'





DumbaraBurru



CARAVAN PARK

PRE BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Dumbara Burru Caravan Park is taking pre-bookings for 2021 at www.dumbaraburru.com.au. We are currently closed for the wet season and re-opening April 2021.



AVAILABLE NOW

WWW.DUMBARABURRU.COM.AU





LOCAL CREATOR

A big thank you to Splinter's Wood Worx for our new board tables. The tables were made from locally recovered timber. They were made with a bandsaw milling bench and because they were such large pieces of timber they were routed down to smooth on a specially made bench, glued and sanded. The legs were made by DWA.

*'I loved doing this and I love doing wood work.
This exceeded my expectations!'*

— Splinter's Wood Worx

Splinter's Wood Worx also produces coffee tables, table tops and chopping boards and consignment work.

Email: splinters1948@gmail.com



KIMBERLEY REGIONAL DISABILITY FORUM

Organised by Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, The Kimberley Regional Disability Forum provided a platform for everyone in the industry to get together and share how and what they do, what works, what doesn't and provide better outcomes. Trish shared the importance of having flexibility on a case by case basis within her role due to potential participants and participants being transient.



REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

Mental Health First Aid 12-13 November 2020

RSAS staff members attended the Mental Health First Aid on the 12 & 13 November 2020. The course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental problem or in a mental health crisis.

Mental Health First Aid ACTION PLAN

- A**pproach the person, assess, and assist with any crisis
- L**isten and communicate non-judgementally
- G**ive support and information
- E**ncourage the person to get appropriate professional help
- E**ncourage other supports

